

1 these concerns, you should be aware that you will also
2 need to address your concerns to those agencies in
3 accordance with their procedures and opportunities for
4 public participation in those decisions.

5 Regarding the proposed relocation of the
6 public road, we wish to advise you of, at least, two
7 other agencies and approvals that will occur later.

8 First of all, we know that the BLM is
9 currently going through a scoping process, and they'll
10 be accepting public comment through June 22nd, and we
11 encourage you to participate in that process. And that
12 will probably be the BLM office out of Kanab.

13 Secondly, Kane County may need to make some
14 determinations of their own. They're in the process of
15 addressing an agreement with the applicant in this case
16 regarding the road relocation.

17 As part of the public process, if a public
18 road is to be re- -- relocated, then the Division is
19 required to provide an opportunity for public hearing on
20 that proposed relocation, the timing and duration of the
21 relocation and, based on the information received, make
22 a determination that the interests of the public will be
23 protected.

24 Although the public advertisement and other
25 notices given for this informal conference included the

1 address.

2 Now, I do believe we have a list going around
3 where you can put your name and address if you
4 receive -- want to receive more information from the
5 Division. You can just list your name if you just want
6 to show that you participated in the meeting tonight.

7 So let me summarize the comments we've
8 received so far. In all, approximately 40 individuals
9 have commented and four interested organizations.

10 And these were all comments that we received
11 on or before May 22nd. Three requests for an informal
12 conference were received by May 16th.

13 These came from Bobbi Bryant, Peter and Luella
14 McMahan and Brian Douglas. Five more were received by
15 May 22nd.

16 They were Daron Cleveland, Kurt and Teresa
17 Sherwood, Danielle Bass, Phillip and Harriet Presca and
18 Steven Bloch representing the Southern Utah Wilderness
19 Alliance.

20 Let me also mention that supportive comments
21 were received from the Kane County Commission,
22 Representative Mike Morrell, Alton Mayor
23 Claren Heaton and from individuals.

24 Supportive comments focused on the need for
25 the jobs and the industry in this region and the need to

1 relocation of the road as part of the purposes of this
2 informal conference, the Division will not rely solely
3 on this meeting on this issue.

4 And before making its findings concerning the
5 adequacy of the protection of the public interests
6 involved, we will have discussions with those other
7 parties.

8 Finally, I'll repeat that this informal
9 conference is an opportunity for the Division to receive
10 comments. It's not a hearing on the determination that
11 the application is complete.

12 We've made that determination, and we
13 certainly will hear your comments on that. No person's
14 rights to appeal the final decision of the mining
15 approval will be affected by the fact that they make
16 comments here tonight or not.

17 We hope that the comments will be
18 constructive, and your comments will help the Division
19 to conduct a better permit review and reach a better
20 decision making on this mine application.

21 The final decision on whether to grant the
22 permit or not will occur after a great deal of
23 additional work.

24 You will receive notice of that decision if
25 you elect to provide comments with your name and

1 provide for energy independence.

2 Most comments received by the Division were
3 concerned with the effects of 300 trucks daily on the
4 designated Panguitch National Historic District and the
5 effects of truck traffic on safety to travelers on
6 SR 89.

7 Some were concerned about visibility impacts.
8 Some were concerned about traffic throughout, and some
9 mentioned impacts on wildlife and the water resources.

10 To the extent that we have rules that affect
11 these issues and resources, we will certainly address
12 them.

13 But your comments are certainly much
14 appreciated, and we will take those into consideration
15 as we go through the review process.

16 Let me explain how I'd like to proceed
17 tonight. First of all, as I mentioned, Priscilla Burton
18 from the Division will give a brief explanation on the
19 proposed mining operations.

20 After her explanation, we'd like to receive
21 comments by the persons who requested an informal
22 conference. These include the names I've already
23 mentioned, Bobbi Bryant, Peter and Luella McMahan, Brian
24 Douglas, Daron Cleveland, Kurt and Teresa Sherwood,
25 Danielle Bass, and Steven Bloch.